

REPLY UNDER  
37 CFR § 1.116

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : )  
Harold M. Bates ) Examiner: D. Vinci  
Serial No.: 10/777,543 ) Art Unit: 1641  
Filed: February 12, 2004 )  
For: DETECTION OF ASYMPTOMATIC )  
CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE )  
USING ATHEROGENIC PROTEINS )  
AND ACUTE PHASE REACTANTS )

New York, New York  
March 17, 2008

RESPONSE AFTER FINAL INCLUDING AMENDMENT AND  
PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 15, 2007, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is hereby requested. Accordingly, this response is

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filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before March 17, 2008, as March 15, 2008 falls on a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7, 1.8, and 1.136.

A check for the fee for the extension of time of \$120.00 is enclosed. 37 CFR § 1.17.

Also submitted herewith is a Ninth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

Please charge any required fees not otherwise paid by check to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8<sup>th</sup> Ed., Rev. 6, Sept. 2007, pp. 700-263 to 700-264) respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this Response, and contain a complete listing of the claims as required.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this Response.